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In re Application of:

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Title   **METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR CONFIGURING A DEVICE IN A DATA NETWORK**

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Sir:

<u>DECLARATION OF DR. CHRISTIAN SCHEERING UNDER 37 CFR 1.132</u>

1. I, Dr. Christian Scheering, a citizen of the Germany, hereby declare and state as follows:

2. I have been continuously employed by Miele & Cie. KG, since February 1, 2007. I primarily work in the area of software development for household appliance. Prior to this I was continuously employed by Siemens Aktiengesellschaft for 6 years, in which I primarily worked in the area of telecommunications, in particular I did software development for voice and data systems.

3. I received a Dipl.-Ing. degree in Electronics in 1991 from University of Applied Science of Bielefeld/Germany, a Masters of Science degree in Computer Science (Dipl.-Inform.) in 1995 from the University of Bielefeld/Germany and Doctoral degree (Dr.-Ing.) in Computer Science in 2000 from the University of Bielefeld/Germany.

4. I understand that the USPTO Examiner has rejected certain claims in the above-identified application on the basis that those claims are obvious by the teaching of Reichmeyer et al. (USPN 6,286,038) in view of Choudhry (USPN6,44,602), and Skemer et al.(USPN 6,570,849). I hereby submit that those skilled in the art, to include myself, understand the terms "domain name", "fully qualified domain name", "IP address", and "MAC address" as follows:

5. A "domain name" is an alphanumeric text address. Text may also be referred to as a string.

6. A fully qualified domain name is an unambiguous domain name in a alphanumeric format of protocol:://host.subdomain.top-level-domain. The top-level domain and denotes the national state (country) associated with the domain name, such as "us" is the top-level-domain for the United States. The subdomain (also known a second-level domain) qualifies the top-level domain. For example, the subdomain may be associated with a server within the top-level domain specified. The host qualifies the subdomain. The host may be, for example, www (world wide web) or a specific device. The protocol is a protocol associated with domain name such as a communication protocol. For example HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) or ADP (Auto Discovery Protocol) may be used for the protocol.

7. Internet Protocol (IP) address is a 32 or 128 bit numeric address associated with a layer 3 network protocol.

8. Media Access Control (MAC) address is 48 bit numeric address associated with a layer 2 network protocol.

9. Based on the above, a domain name would not be considered by those skilled in the art as an IP address or a MAC address. Likewise, a fully qualified domain name would not be considered by those skilled in the art as an IP address or a MAC address. Additionally, an IP address would not be considered by those skilled in the art as a MAC address.

10. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made of information and belief are believed true. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine, imprisonment or both, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: November, 27th, 2007   By:_____

                                                Dr. Christian Scheering